

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908**

**Proposed minutes of the RI State Pilotage Commission Meeting  
Held at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island  
on February 4, 2010**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair  
Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr.; Member  
Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member  
Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Others in attendance:**

**Gary Powers, Esq.  
Captain Bruce Barnaby  
Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary**

**Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the February 4, 2010 meeting were approved by assent.**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Apprentice Pilot Update-**

1) Captain McVay reported the following: Both Captain Bogus and Captain Soukhanov will be ready for exam in Narragansett Bay in early March 2010;

2) On January 22, 2010, Captain Barnaby took the Block Island Sound written exam;

3) Captain McVay motioned to certify Captain Barnaby to be sworn-in to obtain his license for Block Island Sound. The Commission approved the motion.

#### **B. Pilot Medical forms for 2010-**

1) Mike Scanlon stated that all but one of the pilots have sent in their medical forms for 2010. The Commission is still waiting for Captain Gray's form.

#### **C. Sea Ahmed-**

1) Mike Scanlon advised the Commission that the separated anchor from the Sea Ahmed was recovered from the harbor by Northeast Diving and was installed back onto the vessel. He also stated that they have paid their pilot and docking fees, and according to the Coast Guard, a hole in the hull was patched.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. 2010 Annual Meeting-**

1) The annual meeting has been scheduled for April 8, 2010. M. Scanlon advised the members to have their agendas and topics ready to discuss at the March 2010 meeting.

2) Mike Scanlon stated that he would like to discuss legislation changes for penalties.

3) Captain McVay inquired whether the law should be strengthened to give the pilots authority to make the decision to clear an incoming vessel for safe passage and docking in RI waters or deem the vessel unsafe.

4) Mike Scanlon stated that the Coast Guard has a check list of standards for incoming vessel before they can enter RI waters. He suggested adding additional safety requirements to the list.

5) Att. Powers advised that instead of preventing the vessel admittance into RI waters, he thought it more admissible for additional safety obligations imposed upon the vessel.

6) Larry Mouradjian stated that he didn't think it would be an issue if the pilot made a definitive determination to ensure safe passage. He suggested that "Pilot authority to ensure safe passage of a vessel" be on the agenda for the 2010 annual meeting.

7) Mike Scanlon requested that Att. Powers begin writing the language for the regulations. He also said that he wanted to discuss more on pilot authority to be entered into the regulations.

#### **B. Requirements for Senior Pilots-**

1) Att. Powers discussed the topic of age restrictions for the pilot and what age a pilot should resign. He also suggested imposing greater requirements after a certain age, i.e. a night vision test.

#### **c. Pilot sworn-in-**

1) M. Scanlon swore in Captain Barnaby and gave him is pilot license and badge for Block Island Sound.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

**The Commission plans to hold its next regularly scheduled meeting in the conference room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI on April 8, 2010 starting at approximately 9:30 a.m.**